

Horseheads First United Methodist Church
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November Newsletter



*PLEASE NOTE: Karren's Clothing Cupboard will open the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
There will be an open house for the congregation on November 20.*

**Providing quality clothing for anyone in
need**

Location: Horseheads First United
Methodist Church
1034 W. Broad Street
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Hours: Tuesdays 10-1 and Thursdays 1-4
Except in the case of school closure or
Holidays

December Preview
December 4th, Lessons and Carrols

December 13th, Crystal Chords Annual Christmas Concert
December 18th, Celebrate the Season: Live Nativity, petting zoo and hot cocoa.

Pastor's Corner

I have always enjoyed traveling around and worshipping in many different places. You should try it! Some churches have large sanctuaries, and some are small; some ornate and some plain. Some sermons are long and some quite short. Some churches have children, and some don't. What church do I want to attend? A real one. I have studied for decades, the dynamics of church growth. I know the power of hymns on the organ, a fully robed choir and traditional liturgy; and I have experienced the blessing of praise teams and multi-media worship. Some congregations are folksy and some are formal on Sundays. But all the forms of worship and types of buildings are secondary. What I want is a church where people really care I am there, because we are siblings in God's family. Where I want to go is a place people love Jesus and worship Him to express their love. What I want is a place where being a stranger lasts just 5 minutes and being a family member, over 5 years. I really don't care so much about the form of worship or the type of building or the style of music. I just want a real church where people automatically care about all people and express it with the love of God. I believe in you, here in Horseheads. As we continue in ministry, let's strive to be that authentic church using all the blessings God's given us to the fullest. After all, we only exist to draw the circle wider. The more we care for others, the larger our church will grow. Let's do it!

I hope you will stay after worship on Sunday Nov. 20th at 11:30, for our annual Church Charge Conference with Superintendent Rev. Dr. Sherri Rood. Dr. Rood will join us for worship at 9:30, Sunday school hour at 10:45 and then will preside at charge conference at 11:30. All members have voice and vote at a "church conference" and we will vote on the nominations list, accept bequests, ratify salaries, report on our missions and ministries, and hear information regarding the work of the District and Conference we are connected to. Please come. -Pastor Jeff-

Church Meetings Schedule

- **Bells:** Choir Room/Sanctuary TBA
- **Choir:** Every Saturday 4pm, Choir Room/Sanctuary
- **Missions:** 1st Wednesday of month, 2:00pm, SCR **(Nov. 2)**
- **Faith Builders:** 1st Wednesday of month, 6:00pm, Parlor **(Nov. 2)**
- **Outreach:** 1st Thursday of month, 7pm, SCR **(Nov. 3)**
- **Daylight Savings Time: (Nov. 6)**
- **Staff parish:** 2nd Wednesday of month, 6:30pm, LCR **(Nov. 9)**
- **Trustees:** 2nd Wednesday of month, 7pm, SCR **(Nov. 8)**
- **Worship Team:** 3rd Tuesday of month, 7pm, Room 11 **(Nov. 15)**
- **United Women in Faith** 3rd Wednesday of month, Noon, LCR **(Nov. 16)**
- **Stewardship:** 3rd Thursday of month, 7pm, SCR **(Nov. 17)**
- **Church Charge Conference** at 11:30 a.m. **(Nov. 20)**
- **Church Council:** 4th Tuesday of month, 7pm, LCR **(Nov. 22)**

Christian Education: "HAPPINESS! Everyone craves it, wants it, searches for it." *Max Lucado*
Join us for a Bible study by Max Lucado "How Happiness Happens" Wednesday's @ 10AM in the Large Conference Room. Any Questions please Call Louise McIntosh @ 607-739-1954

Thank you to all who attended our Jeff Steinberg Concert on October 21! What a blessing to know that God is making a masterpiece out of each of us.

Stewardship A strong "thank you" to everyone who came forward on commitment Sunday and pledged support for our 2023 program. If you have not yet given us your 2023 pledge card, we encourage you to do so soon. The pledge card box will be in the Narthex (Lobby) or you can mail it to the church office. We strongly

urge that you to spend time in prayer first. Your pledge card is your agreement God, it is only information for us. A reminder - indicate on your pledge card if you want envelopes for next year's giving. We will provide an update on our pledge campaign soon. "*God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with.*" Billy Graham. Thank you, Dick Williams

Happening in November

House Bank – The House Bank is on a table as you come into the narthex. This offering is split between Horseheads Food pantry and World Hunger. We have this House Bank Sunday three times a year.

Soup to Go: A free-will donation will benefit the church's general budget. On these Sundays after the church service, stop by the kitchen and grab a bowl to go, take one to your neighbor or shut in. Oct. 30 soup is Turkey and Rice or Pumpkin Soup. Soup to Go will be once a month. Dates are Oct 30, Nov. 20, Dec 18 and in 2023, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, and Mar. 26.

"No Bake" Pie Sale – October 30th. Due to COVID, our Mission committee has once again opted for a No Bake Pie Sale. Money donated will go toward the support of our missionaries, Florence and Emmanuel Mefor in Zimbabwe. Please make checks out to First United Methodist Church with pie sale in the memo line. You may place your checks in the collection plates at the Sanctuary entrance.

Daylight Savings Time November 6, 2022.: Remember to turn your clocks BACK.

All Saints Sunday: On November 6th our church will celebrate All Saints Sunday to remember family and friends we have lost during the past year. A candle will be lit, and the name of each person will be read. Please submit the names of those you would like to be remembered to the church office by Monday, October 24, 2022. Each candle will have a label with the person's name. We encourage you to take your candle after the service. After All Saints Sunday, candles will be available for you to pick up at the church during the following week in the narthex or church office.

Election Day, November 8, 2022. We encourage everyone to Vote today.

Election Day Dinner – November 8, 2022. Our annual Chicken and Biscuit dinner include mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, and desert. Proceeds benefit the United Women of Faith Missions.

The next mid-week fellowship is November 9th. Dinner and Q&A with Pastor Jeff. Dinner at 5:30.

"Thanksgiving" dish to pass dinner. You are cordially invited to join the Christian Education Team to our Nov. Mid-Week Fellowship. On Wednesday **Nov. 9 @ 5:30pm** we will be hosting a Thanksgiving dish to pass meal. Christian Education will provide the meat and dessert. Board games will be available after our meal. This fellowship dinner is for all our congregation. Dinner to be served at 6pm. Pastor Jeff will hold a Q & A session at 5:30pm. Appetizers will be provided in case you are starving at that point! So what is a Q & A session anyway? You bring the questions and Pastor Jeff will answer them. You can also send questions to fumced12@gmail.com a head of time if you like.

United Women of Faith: Next meeting is Nov. 16th, World Thank Offering and Pledge Service at noon in the Large Conference Room. Please bring own lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Charge Conference: Sunday November 20, 2022 at 11:30 am for our annual Church Charge Conference with Superintendent Rev. Dr. Sherri Rood. Dr. Rood will join us for worship at 9:30, Sunday school hour at 10:45 and then will preside at charge conference at 11:30.

Thanksgiving Gifts (baskets): It's that time of year where our church gives food cards to families who can use our help for a good Thanksgiving meal. We ask you to contribute money to the First United Methodist Church, writing on your check or designating money in an envelope to "Thanksgiving Baskets". This way they can purchase the food they like. If you have a name of a family who can use our help please contact me, Cindy Ellis, 607-739-5185 or the church office, 607-739-1943 with the information. Thank you.

Outreach Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas should be a time for joy yet may be a difficult time for those who are struggling due to unforeseen circumstances. Once again, the Outreach Committee is looking for your monetary support which will allow us to purchase department and grocery store gift cards to help those struggling this Christmas Season. If you would like to donate by check, please note "Giving Tree" on the memo line. If making a cash donation, please put cash in an envelope and write "Giving Tree" on the outside of the envelope. Donations may be put in the collection plate or sent to the office.

Additionally, if you know of a struggling family, please complete a Giving Tree Application. Applications will be available outside the church office beginning Sunday, October 30, 2022. Completed forms must be returned to the office by Sunday, November 27, 2022.

Video Team: As the holidays approaching, we are in need of some Time and Talents help in the Video /Audio booth. You do not need any experience (it's easy we will teach you) just a willingness to learn, it's all very simple. As you all know Bob Olcott has had some medical issues so for a few weeks we have been shorthanded. Our goal is to have 2 or more teams of 4 to capture our Sunday Service and broadcast to Facebook and YouTube. NO computer experience needed Contact Larry Crandell at 607-731-1816 or let Sandy Crane in the church office know and we will contact you. Church office phone is 607-739-1943.

A little FYI from the Trustees. Most of our major projects are done or close to done. This includes the new security system, additional cameras, the removal of the overgrown shrubs and trees in front of our beautiful building, the removal of the dead trees behind the parsonage. We are almost done with the lighting upgrades which should help with the utility bills. The last major project is the updating of the Parlor being done in conjunction with the adult Sunday school class. I would like to thank our wonderful church family for the donations made by all with time and talents Your continued stewardship is what makes this place a special place for our worship and growing community. God Bless, Larry Crandell, Chairman

BIBLE STUDY: Is anyone out there interested in a Bible study that is what it says it is? A few members from Fresh start, Watkins Glen, Penn Ave, Pine city and Horseheads UMC get together every Tuesday at 2PM at the Fresh Start Campus on the miracle Mile for a study of the Bible, no extra books to read. We try to make this study very informative and uplifting while enjoying open discussions of each section we read. For more info and questions contact Dan Panosian or Larry Crandell

CHECK OUT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE! It's been newly designed/updated for you. Some changes are improved security, easy online giving, a CONTACT option for you to leave a message, and best of all *we are "mobile friendly."* The reason this is important is because **more** people are viewing websites using phones and tablets than notebooks and desktop computers. As we progress throughout the remainder of this year and next year, we will continually be adding and building upon our website. If you haven't seen it yet, please visit www.hhdsumc.org. Our goal is to make information regarding our Church location, service times, ministries and sermons easily accessible for our Church members as well as people who may be searching online. -Carolyn Bolt

Prayer Ministry Prayer is an essential spiritual discipline for each of us. How can we grow our relationship with God if we don't talk to him? Intercessory prayer, praying for others, is an important part of our prayer life. We

have over 80 prayer disciples receiving prayer requests through their email accounts and lifting up prayers in response. Interested in joining us? Find more information in our literature found in the Narthex or contact us via email at fumcprayers16@yahoo.com. *"Rich is the person who has a praying friend."* Janice Hughes

Christian Education: We have had a great start to Sunday School this school year. The students are enjoying being back in a classroom and having fellowship with their peers. The high schoolers are enjoying their classroom that has been freshly painted and new carpet has been installed! Thank you to the Torrey Family for making that happen.

Please save the date: December 18th We will be celebrating Advent with a live nativity, hot cocoa, stories, and music. More information to come in the upcoming weeks! Thank you to all those that attended the October mid-week fellowship. It was such a blessing to have the band, A Few More Faithful leading us in praise for the evening. Our very own Emily Majiros warmed up the crowd for the band. We are blessed by so many talented members of our church!

Parish Visitor: Cindy Ellis

WOW! Here we are at the end of October. The landscape has been very beautiful. And the news of Bob Olcott's recovery is a wonderful miracle, We continue to keep Bob & Ann Rouse in our prayers as they get stronger. Let us keep Barb & Don Sommers, Barb Harvey, Leslie Barfoot, Mary Brown, Jeanne Wayland, MaryAnn Van Amburg, Josie Knapp (broke her hip in July) as they go through their struggles. With God's healing grace they will feel better soon. We remember our "at home friends": Sue Carpenter, Cynthia Stansfield, Julia Ames, Mary Campbell, Bob Weiss, Bob Blackall, Carol Kirkwood, Gladys Kucher. They love cards, phone calls, visits. Our sympathy to the Kallenborn family. How we miss Pinky. Our sympathy to Ada Copp's family. Our sympathy to Norma Whatman on the passing of her mother. And now as we enter November, let us be grateful for all of the blessings God has given to each one of us.

Rummage Sale update: It went so well. Thank you to all who contributed items, to all who sorted, to all who provided and prepared food each day, to all who helped on sale days, to all who helped with set-up, and clean up and especially thank you to the men who helped each day. We couldn't have done it without you. The sale made \$5,796.83. The United Women in Faith contributed \$400.00 for the cost of the big orange dumpster and \$100.00 to go to NYSEG for the use of electricity. The rest of the money will be used for mission projects around the world.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank you, our congregation, for supporting the annual Food Drive donating food and over \$600. We are able to support the Food Pantry serving those who help to feed their families. Monthly food donations are also collected throughout the year. Several other drives are planned during the year allowing us to reach out to others. Christmas giving is just around the corner. We provide gift cards for families to purchase food, clothing, toys, and gas through the donations made for that purpose. In January, toilet paper is the focus. This drive was started many years ago by the late Ruth Chase and has continued since. Several years ago, the Clothing for Vets began as a way to support those who have served in the armed forces and reside at the Bath VA. Plain T-shirts, sweatpants and sweatshirts are collected and delivered to them. Church members may need a helping hand and monetary donations, gas cards, food, etc. are provided through local help funds. Our donations and gifts include a note saying, "Reaching out to you in Christian love. Donations are always appreciated throughout the year for the Food Pantry, Christmas Giving, and Local Help.

MEDIA MUSINGS: Summertime has brought us several books in the Miracles & Mysteries of Mercy Hospital Series which Louise McIntosh has been donating. Broken Bonds by Deanna Julie Dodson deals with someone

who needs a kidney transplant and there is a discovery of that person not being genetically related when they thought he was. That leads to many questions and searching for answers. Mercy's Healing by Elizabeth Ludwig tells about a hospital volunteer who takes over the head job while the usual one is away. She has to help a new volunteer who is a victim of strange pranks. She and her friends have to discover an old, old secret. To Heal A Heart by Shaen Layle features a hospital volunteer who sees a runaway horse-drawn carriage hit a man on a bike. A witness claims it wasn't an accident. The volunteer feels she must find the truth before others could get hurt. A Cross to Bear by Tia McCollors tells about a hospital volunteer who goes to the hospital chapel to pray and finds the bronze cross about the altar missing. It is something which must be found. It also describes her feeling for a hospital administrator and hope that it is reciprocated. Sunken Hopes by Gabrielle Meyer shows how exhausting a hospital volunteer's job has been with grant writing and red tape while attempting to set up a new hospital museum. Also, a borrowed item, a twenty-dollar gold piece, goes missing. To add to that, a troubled niece comes to stay with her, and the niece becomes a suspect. Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow by Leslie Gould begins by a hospital volunteer getting a cancellation at her hairdresser's. The client shows up anyway and then collapses. The volunteer catches sight of her daughter on her bike getting hit by a car. Both land in the hospital and the driver of the car was found to be fleeing a warehouse where a safe has been stolen. Are the events connected? If you enjoy mysteries, you will enjoy these delightful stories that require ingenuity and brains but don't scare you out of your wits. Marie Benedict has written several excellent books about women whose real lives we know little about. One of those books, The Only Woman in the Room tells a story most people don't know about Rita Hayworth. Older people who remember her think of her as a beauty who probably counted on that to get her excellent movie roles. She was far more than that. Born in Austria and growing up at the time of the rising Nazi Party, she married an Austrian arms dealer and then was able to learn a few secrets about the enemy. She disguised herself and fled Austria sharing her secrets with the Allies. Later she became a scientist with inventions as well as a movie star in America. Christina Peklak brought us several children's books: I Love You Mommy by Jillian Harker, a story of Little Bear attempting more than he can handle. Ladybug Ladybug Where Are You? By Cyndy Szekeres is a story of God's animal creatures and a respect of the environment. On Time by Stan & Jan Berenstain helps little ones to tell time and urges children to be on time. There are many large pictures of clocks with different times. Summer Reading was excellent, but things have slowed down recently. Come see us again. Hope Mayhew

Almost as many people as before Covid signed up for **Summer Reading Program** which occurred between June and September. We librarians were very pleased, and we hope our readers enjoyed the 5 books from our library that each one read. We would like to share the names of those who completed their reading:

Children or Youth: Corrinne Gillette, Adam Scott, Aubrey Scott

Adults: Jan Aiello, Mary Jane Austin, Ida Beard, Rita Colvin, Kay Coombs, Margaret Cooper, Sandy Crane, Carol Crandell, Mary Daniels, Betsy Doan, Cindy Ellis, Carol Erway, Dalton Flatt, Myrna Flatt, Pam Fluent, Jen Hillman, Josie Knapp, Hope Mayhew, Louise McIntosh, Ginny Miller, Maureen Nicolo, Christine Peklak, Karen Peterson, Jan Przybylski, Ann Rouse, Elaine Saunders, Bonnie Tressler, Ande Tubbs

History of our Living Nativity. In 1983, Rev. Mary Jo Yaekel and I worked together to start the first Living Nativity. We borrowed costumes and built the stable by hand each year. Later many volunteers sewed our own costumes. In 1985, John Bouille offered to construct the stable we use today. Each year, Doug Mayhew gathered a group to rebuild the structure. Our front lawn is the perfect location, as people rush by on their way to the Mall, to show the true meaning of Christmas. Without our church family & friends this tradition of the FUMC would not be possible. Maureen Nicolo

The Living Nativity is looking for someone or a committee/couple who would like to be in charge of the Living Nativity. Please call or stop in the church office to see Sandy Crane if you are interested. She can answer all your questions. What is needed: Someone to set out the costumes, schedule people/times for the nativity, and help dress people in costumes if needed. This event happens the week of Christmas and benefits our church and our community. Church phone number is 607-739-1943